

# Reconstruction Computation of Thermal Conductivity Depth Profiles by Surface Photothermal Signals

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## ABSTRACT

In the recent years, the problem of inverse calculations of continuously inhomogeneous thermal conductivity distributions from some data has attracted considerable interest. Most of those inversion methods often assume a mathematical model for unknown distributions to fit the measured data by changing some parameters; or they use some iterative algorithms (for example, PST method) from the detected modulated photoreflectance data without assuming distribution model. However, in fact, we do not know the distribution of thermal conductivity before searching, thus it is very difficult to ensure the convergence of iterative methods.

In this paper, a numerical approximation algorithm for the inverse calculation of the continuously inhomogeneous thermal conductivity distributions is established. For simplicity, we only consider thermal one-dimensional inhomogeneous opaque solid samples. Numerical results by surface photothermal signals show that the method or algorithm is more effective and feasible.